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TO : Lawrence R. Houston

FROM :

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 26 May 1952 on the subject of availability for foreign service. I have given your request most thoughtful consideration and submit below responses to questions contained in paragraph 2 a., b., and c. of the aforesaid memo, subject to the comments of the following paragraph.

2. I have been, and am, confronted presently with matters which require my constant and personal attendance and supervision. They are matters which I trust ultimately will be resolved favorably but they are matters which touch upon the most basic and enduring of obligations and, hence, qualify my freedom of choice. Obviously, specificity would be in the nature of undesired "wherefores" and I shall not belabor the point. Suffice to say, however, were circumstances more benevolent I should most probably be able to submit responses which would contribute to the information sought for planning purposes.

3. Based on the foregoing, I am constrained to respond as follows:

- 2 a. -- No.
- 2 b. -- No.
- 2 c. -- Yes.

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